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4. Officer-enlisted man relations were most satisfactory. Relations of officers with equal rank were abominable. When new assignments were passed out, date of rank and the officer's school of graduation were carefully considered. There were no social cliques within the air force. Religion was never discussed beyond family circles. Sixty per cent of the men felt that religion was only superficial and to each individual's like or dislike. There were frequent arguments between men from the north and those from the south. Men from the north were straightforward and sincere.
5. Pilots and co-pilots participated in the following recreational activities: swimming, horseback riding, basketball, and occasionally played basketball. Navigators would very seldom join the pilots and co-pilots for recreation. The mechanics were in a group by themselves. They looked upon pilots as playboys, and the pilots considered mechanics as "washouts" from pilot training school.
6. Women in the service were used as telephone operators, receptionists, and secretaries but never in a supervisory or executive capacity. The men felt that women had no place in the service.
7. The age bracket in the air force was between 25 and 35 years. Ninety per cent were sons of middle class families, five per cent each from the rich and poor families. West and Central China produced very few pilots. Ages of pilots ranged between 25 and 30 years of age, co-pilots between 18 and 25, mechanics between 20 and 35, administrative persons approximately 37 years of age and those in supply were approximately 30 years of age.
8. Other military services and government personnel considered the air force as a necessary evil. Any priority in budgetary appropriations was given to the air force. They felt that its members were the cream of the crop and that the air force had preference over other military services.

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